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**Around
Fort Riley****Big Red One
headquarters
to cost \$52M**

By Alison Kohler

Com. Rel. Specialist

Fort Riley plans to build a \$52 million headquarters building on the grassy knoll on the west side of 1st Division Road on a hill behind the current headquarters building.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, told those attending the Kansas lieutenant governor's accommodation task force meeting June 9 at Riley's Conference Center, the new headquarters building was needed to house the 1st Infantry Division staff returning to America's Warfighting Center from Wuerzburg, Germany.

Because the 1st Inf. Div.'s headquarters will eventually house about 1,000 personnel, the current post headquarters building, Building 500 on Main Post, will not meet the needs of the larger division staff.

The 24th Inf. Div. has about 200 staff members in its headquarters at Fort Riley. Other headquarters personnel are located in a forward location at Fort Jackson, S.C., because the division oversees the readiness of three National Guard divisions based in North and South Carolina and Georgia.

The ground breaking for the new Big Red One headquarters is scheduled for early July, Hardy said, and it should be ready to occupy in November 2007.

Representatives from Geary, Pottawatomie and Riley Counties, as well as the cities of Abilene and Council Grove attended the specially called meeting to hear updates from Col. "Ty" Smith, U.S. Army Garrison commander, and committee status reports from community leaders in the region.

Smith and Hardy provided an update on population figures and an anticipated growth timeline. By 2011, Fort Riley leaders expect to have more than 18,000 Soldiers assigned to units on post.

**Around
the Army****Fort Knox:**

The Turret reported June 8 that the post's garrison command has suspended contracts for grass cutting, office cleaning, preventive maintenance and retirement services in response to a funding shortfall.

Army installations across the globe have been affected by the funding shortage, which has led the Installation Management Agency to put a temporary freeze on civilian hiring.

The garrison also has cancelled its summer-hire program, requested a 20 percent turn-in on government vehicles and turn-in on some official cellular phones.

More than 200 contract employees have been let go. For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.thenewsenetenterprise.com/turret/ on the Web.

Army installations reduce costs

U.S. Army IMA

ARLINGTON, Va., — Based on funding projections, the Installation Management Agency will take action to reduce expenditures by at least \$530 million for the balance of the fiscal year, which runs through September.

Those reductions include release of some temporary and term employees at Fort Riley. The post leadership is working with IMA Northwest to determine how many employees will ultimately be released.

The post also is looking for other ways to cut spending, post

officials said.

The Installation Management Agency's fiscal year 2006 funding position challenges IMA to closely manage its spending. Current Base Operations Support funding for IMA is \$4.949 billion. Based on Army's recent midyear review funding assessment, it is scheduled to increase by \$722 million to a total of \$5.67 billion for the fiscal year.

However, this amount is about \$530 million short for the year based on current rates of spending. The shortage is due primarily to unbudgeted "fact-of-life" costs such as fuel price increases,

physical security costs and foreign currency exchange rate differences.

Effective immediately:

A 100 percent civilian hiring freeze is in effect;

Commanders are beginning the process to release temporary and

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Be alert!

1-16 preps for security missions

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

A cloud of dust rolled up the hill toward Fort Riley's rappelling tower as a convoy of "Humvees" from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, rumbled over the hill's crest June 6.

As the second truck passed by, shots rang out from the trees and the convoy's Soldiers worked to protect the commodity vehicle from the opposition forces positioned in the tree line.

After clearing that situation, the convoy continued on toward the next forward operating base and through more obstacles

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Two Soldiers from Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., prepare to lift a "casualty" to be evacuated. The Soldiers were completing battle drills during a convoy exercise June 6.



Pfc. Ian Tucker of HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., plays the role of an insurgent attacker during the battalion's convoy training June 6 for its upcoming security force mission in Iraq.

DoD advises on data losses

*VA theft may
include active,
NG, reserves*

By Sara Wood

AFPS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department will inform servicemembers who could be affected by the May theft of personal data from the Department of Veterans Affairs through their monthly pay statements, a DoD spokesman said June 12.

DoD is in the middle of an analysis to determine how many active-duty, Reserve and National Guard servicemembers could be affected by the data loss, which occurred when a VA employee loaded personal data onto a laptop, which was then stolen from his home, Army Lt. Col. Jeremy Martin said.

The VA initially reported that the data stolen included personal information on as many as 26.5 million veterans, and later updated the report to include as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen and 645,000 members of the Reserves as possible victims.

These numbers are preliminary, as the DoD and VA are still working to determine exactly what data was on the laptop.

When the analysis is completed in upcoming weeks, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will inform those servicemembers who are determined to be vulnerable by putting a note on the bot-

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4th Brigade leaders learn advanced blasting

Sappers cram 2 weeks training into 3 days

By Robert Timmons

4th IBCT Public Affairs

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — "Three," a voice yelled out and everyone ducked into a bunker.

"Two"

"One"

The small wooden hut suddenly expanded violently as a bright orange ball of flame forced it apart at its seams.

In a blink of an eye, all the walls were blasted away as the fireball burst from the building's confines.

Like Fourth of July fireworks, the ball began to sparkle, shrink

and then fade away, leaving the building's demolished carcass as a testament to the dust initiator's impact.

But this was no Independence Day celebration; it was the culmination of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Senior Leaders Advanced Urban Breaching Exercise.

The brigade's command sergeants major and first sergeants attended the training May 30-June 2 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. They participated in the abbreviated Sapper Leaders Course in order to create subject matter experts on explosive and conventional urban entry techniques.

Students first learned how to properly calculate the explosive charges needed, and then they created the charges needed and detonated them.

"We crammed about a two-week urban breaching course into three days," said Staff Sgt. Valente Ortiz, Sapper instructor and lead instructor during the course. "(The students) got the same amount of breaching charges in three days as they would in two weeks."

Before heading to the range on the second day, the students learned how to breach doors and

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A plywood hut explodes under the pressure of a dust initiator charge June 1 at the Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., demolition range during the 4th IBCT's Senior Leaders Advanced Urban Breaching Exercise.

4th IBCT/Timmons





Post, Army news briefly

SJA seeks complaints

The Fort Riley Legal Assistance Office is looking for Soldiers and family members who have had trouble breaking their leases due to permanent change of station orders or deployment. They are especially interested in hearing from residents of the Pebblebrook, Forrest Creek, Cambridge Square, Sandstone, Oakhill Estates complexes and the Stagg Hill Duplexes.

If you or someone you know has had trouble breaking your lease, please contact Capt. Hobe Scholz at the Legal Assistance Office. The Legal Assistance Office is located on the first floor of Patton Hall, Building 200, and can be reached at 239-3117.

Public Works plans picnic

The Directorate of Public Works will conduct its annual organization day picnic and awards ceremony for employees and their families June 16. Minimal staffing will be maintained in the directorate from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, so critical functions remain operational.

For more information, call Dee Royse at 239-3906.

Job fair set at center

The Army Career & Alumni Program will host a job fair at Fort Riley from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 23 in Rooms 118C and 118D, Building 210.

More than 30 employers will be present to discuss available career opportunities with Sol-

diers and families. Resumes are not required.

For more information on employers scheduled to attend, visit the ACAP Center or call 239-2278 or 239-2248.

Job fair information also is available at www.riley.army.mil or www.acap.army.mil.

Security course set for managers

The DSEC is holding its semi-annual Security Managers Orientation Course for all S2 Personnel and Security Managers from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 26-27 at Riley's Conference Center. Items covered include, information security, personnel security (clearances), industrial security, security education, intelligence oversight, COMSEC, and physical security. For more information contact Pete Paras at 239-3607.

Severe weather training offered

Members of the Fort Riley Installation Safety Office are available for severe weather safety training. Training covers indicators of severe weather, developing emergency action plans and other safety tips.

To arrange a class date, time and location, call the safety office at 239-2514.

Riley's offers lunch buffets

Riley's Conference Center offers a lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For \$6.50, diners will receive a hot entree with side dish, soup of the day, gourmet salad bar, and iced tea or water to drink.

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windows using small battering rams and hooligan tools. Once on the range, the students participated in rotating classes on various topics including cratering charges, delayed fuses, hybrid wiring, tree cutting with explosives and diamond and triangular cutting charges.

After a brief lunch, the Soldiers watched Ortiz show how to create expedient charges and then created the charges in squads.

Ortiz, who has been teaching demolitions and urban breaching for most of his eight-year Army career, said it was easy to teach the class because the 4th IBCT's senior leaders learned quickly.

"If we did not have the senior leaders, sergeants major and first sergeants come down here, we would not have been able to cram the 40 hours into three days," he said. "They were able to grasp the concept of what we were teaching them much faster, so we could skip the crawl phase and go right into the walk phase and then onto the run phase at the demo range."

Ortiz demonstrated how expedient charges were created, banging dynamite and molding various ingredients into explosives.

"Most charges take heat, pressure and friction to go off," he explained. "You are just providing

pressure; it will take heat to go off. For example, a blasting cap provides the heat and pressure inside to create a shock that makes it go off. So hanging on it, cutting it and molding it really isn't a factor. The most important thing is you need to ensure you are using non-sparking materials."

Sgt. 1st Class Jody Birdhead, senior instructor at the Sapper Leaders Course, helped set up the week's training. He said setting it up was made easy by 4th IBCT Soldiers who helped draw the explosives, but the instructors still had to labor to get it ready.

"(Giving the training) is pretty much routine for the instructors," he said. "They pretty much know off the top of their heads and they can spit it out. The most difficult part was making the dust initiator buildings, the cinder block walls and downloading all the equipment to prep for the training."

A dust initiator is a charge which combines explosives with flour. When it detonates, it sucks the oxygen from the air by filling the room with dust.

Birdhead added that it took nine instructors 16 hours to set the range up. The range consisted of five small plywood huts with doors that could be blown open; six cinder block walls to demonstrate wall breaching techniques; and a permanently standing building with metal doors to be blasted with water charges.

One student said the course was difficult, but worthwhile.

"This is probably some of the best training I have had to deal with in regard to engineering," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wright, 4th IBCT master gunner. A master gunner is the brigade



4th IBCT/Timmons
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wright, 4th IBCT master gunner, ties a knot into a line of detonation cord while setting up a series of cratering charges June 1 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

subject matter expert regarding all training. "It helped reinforce what I already knew."

Command Sgt. Maj. Bernie Westover, 1st Engineer Brigade, said they were happy to conduct the training.

"It was a great honor for us to train you guys," he said before giving certificates of training to the students.

Wright added the course was an "eye-opening experience" that would increase the brigade's capabilities. "When you take the senior leadership (knowing advanced breaching techniques), you have the ability to go back to teach and show squad leaders," he said.



4th IBCT/Timmons
1st Sgt. Richard R. Strong, A Trp., 2nd Bn., 4th Cav., smashes open a door using a battering ram May 31 during the 4th IBCT's Senior Leaders Advances Urban Breaching Exercise at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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term employees as quickly as legally possible, except for those who directly support life, health, safety and the Global War on Terrorism.

Commanders are developing spending plans for the balance of this year and next year that will provide the critical services to Soldiers and their families, while identifying the services that can be divested.

Spending plans will identify contracts that can be reduced, cancelled or deferred until next year.

Garrisons have been reducing cell phones and pagers, reducing government vehicle usage and deferring as many expenses as possible.

Commanders also have been told to use their planning for the balance of this year as the foundation for fiscal year 2007 spending plans.

"I view this as the ideal time to begin planning for FY 07, and the momentum will posture us for success by identifying for the future what we can and cannot afford," said IMA Director Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald.

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

A Fort Riley judge, Lt. Col. Timothy Grammel, denied Pvt. Aaron Stanley a retrial June 9 in a premeditated murder case. Stanley's counsel presented new evidence, a letter written by Pvt. Eric Colvin, which they said questioned whether the crime scene had been compromised.

Stanley was convicted of two counts of premeditated murder June 10, 2005, in the deaths of Staff Sgt. Matthew Werner, 30, and Spc. Christopher Hymer, 23, and was sentenced the following

day to life in prison without parole.

He also had pleaded guilty to wrongful possession with intent to distribute marijuana, use and distribution of methamphetamines, absence without leave, violating an order restricting him to Fort Riley and adultery.

Colvin made a deal with prosecutors who dropped conspiracy to commit murder charges in exchange for pleading guilty to wrongful possession with intent to distribute marijuana, wrongful distribution of methamphetamines and use of methamphetamines. He was sentenced to 12

Beckert assumes command of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry

Staff report

Lt. Col. Christopher H. Beckert took command of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, June 7.

He succeeds Lt. Col. David B. Batchelor, who will assume duties this summer as a senior mechanized task force trainer at the Joint Multinational Command Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

Beckert arrived at Fort Riley in December 2005 and served on the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) staff as lead planner and staff coordinator for the U.S. Forces Command transition team training mission.

He is married to the former Kerri Costigan of Pine Orchard, Conn., and has two daughters: Kate and Emma Jane.

years July 20.

All four were Soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment.

The charges stemmed from a Sept. 13, 2004, incident at a farmhouse near Clay Center, Kan., where an altercation between the four men ended in the shooting deaths of Werner and Hymer.

Stanley and Colvin are incarcerated at the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Both were brought to Geary County for the June 9 trial after Stanley received a handwritten letter from Colvin in which he stated two people were at the farmhouse soon after the shootings occurred, which could have contaminated the crime scene. Colvin was the star witness against Stanley in the prosecution's case last year.

The two individuals named in the letter were William James, a former sergeant in 1st Bn., 41st Inf., and Candice Peterson, an acquaintance of Colvin's.

When presented with the letter by defense attorney Capt. Dan Tracy during two separate visits to

the stand, Colvin invoked his right to remain silent and refused to identify the document. The defense attempted to gain Colvin immunity so he would testify to the letter's contents and origin, but Grammel denied that request. During arguments for a retrial, Tracy read a statement from the letter: "I feel there are issues that need to be looked at."

Had this information been brought to light during the trial last year, it would have a "substantially more favorable result for Sgt. Stanley," Tracy said.

Grammel disagreed and before denying the request for a re-trial said there was no relevant information in the letter's assertions.

Anita Gorecki-Robbins, who represented Stanley in 2005 but now serves as a pro-bono attorney attending to post-trial matters, said her client was pleased with the evidence that came out during the June 9 hearing.

"By Sgt. Colvin not testifying today, it's left a hole in the proceedings that will now be taken up on appeal," she said, while standing outside the courtroom.

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tom of their monthly leave and earnings statements, Martin said.

The note will include phone numbers and Web sites that will provide more information on identity theft and what troops can do to protect themselves, he said.

The VA has set up a special Web site and a toll-free telephone number for those possibly affected by the data loss: www.firstgov.gov and 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

Each features up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The Web site provides steps on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and who to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring with his or her personal information.

Information relating to the defeat of identity theft also is available at the Military OneSource Web site, at www.militaryonesource.com.

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*Personal viewpoint*

America's Soldiers, Marines drive on through all adversity

Editor's note: The following commentary was written by Jim Garamone, an American Forces Press Service reporter, based on his experiences while in Iraq.

The Soldiers and Marines in Hit, Iraq, put up with more adversity in their deployment than most Americans will see in a lifetime. And they do it with a great attitude.

These are not some goody-goody type servicemembers. They are profane to the extreme, and expletives make an appearance in most conversations. No one takes offense.

"Busting chops" is a fine art, and people are always ready to tell or listen to a fine story that uses a buddy as the butt of the joke.

But life in Hit, like the troops' language and jokes, is hard. The town's name is spelled "hit," but is pronounced "heat," and the place is hot. The temperature



Iraqi Freedom

now hovers around 120 degrees. It will climb to 130 by the end of the month. There is always a wind blowing in Hit, but it might as well be a hair dryer. A good way to get a feel for what the Soldiers here go through is to stick your head inside a convection oven for an hour.

Now add to that the gear. The interceptor body armor and Kevlar helmet make you understand why aluminum foil around a potato bakes it faster. Soldiers and Marines carry more than 90 pounds of equipment – weapons, a combat load of ammunition, first-aid

pouches, global positioning system equipment, communications gear and the like – every time they go outside the wire.

Try running down a street carrying all that, because that is what servicemembers must do here. The unit has Bradley fighting vehicles, but walking among the town's people is more effective in connecting with the local population, so Soldiers dismount.

Soldiers and Marines come off patrol drenched with sweat. If they sweat really badly, you can see the salt stains where it has soaked through their boots.

There are port-a-potties at the main camp outside town, but contractors will not go into the firm bases – or forward operating bases – in the city itself. That means that at the firm bases they use things called "wag bags" for solid waste. The user seals the bag after its intended use and then deposits it in a

burn barrel.

You don't want to have an open latrine, because that would attract insects. Urinals at the firm bases are tubes driven into the ground.

There is city water and it sometimes works, sometimes doesn't. You take showers when you can, and when the water is running. Don't count on it to work when you want it to.

And then there is the danger. Some men have been "IEDed" – in a vehicle that got hit by an improvised explosive device – a couple of times. Many in the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, are on their second tour in Iraq and have a history with IEDs going back to 2003.

Added to that is snipers. The unit's only death has been to a sniper.

One sniper in Anbar province goes by the name "Scorpion." He has people videotape his kills and

you can find DVDs showing these kills in markets in Baghdad and all over the province.

But with all this, the mood is good. Sure, the Soldiers and Marines complain, but that is their right. When it comes to the mission, the troops step out and do what needs to be done.

"I know when we look back

on this in five or 10 years, we won't remember the hardships, except to laugh about them," said Army Capt. Eric Stainbrook, Apache Company commander with the 1st Bn., 36th Inf. "But I will always remember these amazing Soldiers and the way they took on the mission when their country asked them to."

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What do you appreciate most about your father?



"No matter what the situation was, he was always there for me."

Staff Sgt. Jay Brock
HHB, 1st Battalion,
5th Field Artillery



"He's a pretty good guy and a good role model. He taught me respect."

Pfc. Chris DeBord
SAW gunner
Co. A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry
Hometown: Versailles, Ky.



"My dad is just the best. There's no one good thing about him, but I appreciate how much he pushes me."

Pfc. Carolyn Figueroa
Smoke operator
172nd Chemical Company
Hometown: Rochester, Minn.



"His consistency, stability and gentleness."

Chap. (Capt.) Glenn Palmer
2nd Battalion, 70th Armor
Hometown: Bath, Maine



"He's very understanding no matter what I get into."

Spc. Angelica Rivera
Smoke operator
172nd Chemical Company
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Letters to the editor

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By Kevin Stabinsky
Army News Service

Though he said he'd never use it, "Jay" carried an extra round in his helmet—a last resort to avoid capture in Iraq. But the minuscule weight of a single cartridge of 5.56mm ammo was nothing compared to the heavy thoughts he carried in his head.

Jay, a former Fort Polk Soldier, didn't want to be in Iraq. He longed to be with his wife as she prepared for the impending birth of their first child, and he found himself slowly drowning in thoughts of how to get home. Jay's answer was the bullet jingling in his helmet. The round he vowed never to use soon found itself passing through his right foot.

"I tried to go through my chain of command the right way to get home, but when that didn't work, I decided to do it my way," he said.

Rather than a way to his wife and soon-to-be-born child, Jay's plan got him a ticket back to Fort Polk for medical evaluation and treatment. Already frustrated, he did what few would expect a Soldier with a bad foot to do—he took off "running."

Jay's actions aren't unique. According to Pentagon estimates, nearly 5,500 military personnel have deserted the armed forces since Operation Iraqi Freedom began in 2003.

Though there has been a decrease in recent years (2,479 in 2004 from 3,681 in 2003), the problem has grown exponentially. Since 1995, there has been an almost 300 percent increase in Soldiers absent without leave, or AWOL.

A 2003 study by the U.S. Army Research Institute for Behavioral and Social Science—"What We Know About AWOL and Desertion"—shows war tends to increase the number of desertions. War and the fear of death and injury are not the major reasons Soldiers go AWOL, however. The study revealed that 33 percent of Soldiers leave due to family problems, while 31 percent leave due to a failure to adapt to military life.

Capt. John Lybarger, a former company commander at Fort Polk, said he processed about 20 AWOL cases a month and saw similar trends. Lybarger said family issues are the main cause for Soldiers going AWOL, with financial problems following closely behind.

"A lot of Soldiers find out they can't live the lifestyle they want and end up getting in deep debt,"

he said. "Rather than seeking help from their commander and non-commissioned officers, they try to run from their problems."

No matter the reason, being AWOL is a serious offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Capt. Sean Mangan, Fort Polk's chief military justice prosecutor.

Under Article 86, UCMJ, a Soldier is considered AWOL if "without authority they fail to go to their appointed place of duty at time prescribed, goes from that place or absents himself or remains absent from his unit, organization or place of duty at which he is required to be at the time prescribed."

After 30 days, a Soldier is dropped from the rolls and classified as a deserter (Article 85). At this point, a federal warrant is issued and the AWOL Soldier's name is entered into the National Crime Information Center, a federal database that tracks outstanding warrants, Lybarger said.

While Soldiers may go AWOL for freedom, this database essentially turns them into fugitives.

"It was really hard (being on the run), knowing any minute a cop might sneak up on you and haul you back in," Jay said.

A sense of freedom wasn't the only thing Jay lost when going AWOL. He missed his child's birth by a few days and his marriage dissolved not long after.

Making a "fresh start" was also difficult, Jay said. Simple things—applying for a job, opening and maintaining a bank account, buying a car or home—were impossible. Like bread crumbs, the paperwork involved in those endeavors would create a trail leading directly to him.

Jay eventually found work on a fishing boat. For more than two years, he slipped through the cracks. His luck ran out one night as he left the docks for home and was stopped by a police officer. Oddly enough, Jay wasn't stopped because of his unauthorized leave of absence.

"There had been a few recent robberies around the area, and the policeman said he thought I looked a little like the composite sketch of the subject they were looking for," Jay said. The subsequent investigation unearthed Jay's secret.

Jay was put into jail, awaiting transfer back to Fort Polk. Unlike his first trip to the installation, made as a hero ready to serve and defend his country, this journey was filled with shame and guilt. Those emotions were amplified by the scorn he said he

could read in the faces of the DoD policeman and Soldiers who handled his return.

A majority of Soldiers who've gone AWOL return to their duty station on their own accord, Lybarger said.

"About 60 percent (of the Soldiers) I see turn themselves in for some reason or another," he said. "They knew they were in trouble to begin with, took care of problems and are now back to take care of the Army."

Returning to the duty station of one's own volition can lessen the punishment a Soldier receives, Mangan said. However, as with all AWOL cases, that is left to the discretion of the Soldier's command, he said.

Length of time absent and reasons for absence are taken into account. Unauthorized absence from guard, watch, duty or with the intent to abandon a special type of duty, maneuvers or field exercises can hurt a Soldier's chance for rehabilitation and lead to a discharge, said Mangan.

About 75 percent of returning AWOL Soldiers are rehabilitated, Lybarger said.

"I've seen Soldiers go on to do great things," he said. "One (Soldier I know) came back and went on to excel at the Warrior Leader's Course and is on course to making a good noncommissioned officer."

Often, Soldiers can be rehabilitated because they aren't necessarily "bad," just young and immature.

Lybarger said. Like Jay, who joined the Army fresh out of high school, Lybarger said most of the AWOL Soldiers he sees are private, 18 to 23 years old and at their first duty stations.

According to Pentagon sources, of those separated from the service, 94 percent receive other than honorable discharges, losing veteran's benefits, college money, federal home loans and the ability to hold a government job.

Under Article 86 of the UCMJ, Soldiers who go AWOL can be punished in a variety of ways, including punitive bad conduct or dishonorable discharges, confinement, forfeiture of pay or a combination of all three.

But, circumstances dictate the type of punishment a Soldier receives.

"Punishment boils down to the command's option and the Army policy to use only the necessary means to discipline a Soldier," Mangan said. "Commanders should consider circumstances and Soldiers' merit."

"You can't just have one standard, it all depends on the individual," Lybarger added, saying he looks at the impact an AWOL Soldier could have on fellow Soldiers.

"Sometimes these Soldiers are gone so long that they lose their (military attitude), so you have to ensure this doesn't rub off on others," he said.

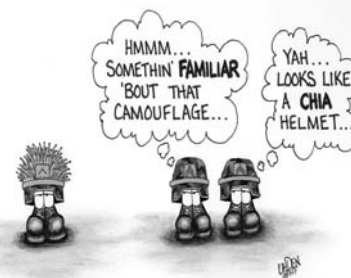
If Jay could turn back time, going AWOL is something he said he'd change. "I regret every minute of it."

While the lessons he learned might be too late for Jay, who received a discharge other than honorable, he hopes his testimony will deter others from following his footsteps.

"Don't do it. Stick around and honor your commitment," he said.

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky writes for Fort Polk's Guardian.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



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Soldier-father, buddies build ‘transportation’ for Iraqi boy

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Steve Wright recently received a photo from his son, Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wright, that brought tears to his eyes.

The photo showed an Iraqi boy smiling from ear to ear at his father who, kneeling next to him, had an equally big smile on his face. On the other side of the boy kneeled Staff Sgt. Gregory Wright.

What made the photo special was that the Iraqi boy was sitting in a wheelchair designed by Wright to simulate the one used by his own son, Scotty.

Scotty, 7, has a mitochondrial disorder and can't walk, talk or eat by mouth, said his grandfather. He has a wheelchair designed especially for him so he can get around.

Wright, who is serving in Iraq

with the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry, from Fort Hood, Texas, was previously assigned to 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, at Fort Riley and plans to return to the Junction City area, where his parents live.

"My son, he goes out there every day and looks for insurgents, and then he comes across this kid who reminds him of his own son and the condition that he's in," Steve said.

The Iraqi boy, who is about the same age as Scotty, contracted meningitis and as a result can't walk or talk. His family had a hard time moving him around, Steve said.

Wright went back to post, got some other Soldiers to help and they fashioned a wheelchair. The chair, with big wheels on the back and smaller ones on the front, also has a five-point restraint to help hold the child in, just like his son

has, Steve related. "You can tell by the picture how happy the kid was to have something like that," he added. Steve said the child in the picture even looked similar to his grandson.

"It's two fathers. It's not two enemies. It's not two combatants. It's two fathers who want the best for their kids," Steve said of his son's actions. "It was one father to another."

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Photo provided
Staff Sgt. Gregory Wright smiles as an Iraqi boy and his father express pleasure with the "homemade wheelchair" Wright and some fellow Soldiers fabricated.

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Sgt. Audie Murphy Club inducts 2 members

Carter, Jones join ranks of Army's elite noncommissioned officers in club's local chapter

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

"No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as 'The Backbone of the Army.'"

— NCO Creed

The Fort Riley chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inducted Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey L. Carter and Staff Sgt. Larry L. Jones as its two newest members May 31 at Barlow Theater. Carter serves in Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, and Jones is in 596th Signal Company.

Staff Sgt. Roy Hoyer said Carter was "one of the best platoon sergeants I had the honor of serving with." Carter pushed his Soldiers to take advantage of educational opportunities and promotion boards. He had vast knowledge of the M1A1 Abrams tank and always encouraged Soldiers to take the fight to the enemy and win, he said.

Hoyer even recalled the first time he saw Carter. "I could tell by his appearance that he was destined for greatness," he said.

Carter and his wife, Sheena, have two sons: Orlando and Chris.

Sgt. Tiffany Stone said Jones

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Sgt. Audie Murphy

The club is named after the "greatest combat Soldier in the 230-year history of the U.S. Army."

Audie Murphy was a war hero, actor, songwriter and poet. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after being rejected by the Marines and paratroopers for being too small. Murphy spent 400 days in the front lines and earned 33 military awards, citations and decorations, including every American medal for valor.

had a genuine eagerness to help his Soldiers and expected nothing but absolute perfection from them.

Stone said she went through hard times, but Jones' leadership encouraged her to follow his example and drive on. That leadership helped Stone in her personal and professional lives, and she said it was important to understand that she was only one of the Soldiers affected by Jones.

"I trust Sgt. Jones and I respect

him as a Soldier and a leader," she said.

Jones and his wife, Julia, have two children: Larry Jr. and Sarah.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell Dean, the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley command sergeant major, said the words by the two Soldiers about their sergeants had to give listeners goose bumps.

"At no time did they say, 'My sergeant was easy on me,'" he said.

High expectations are placed on Carter and Jones, Dean said. The easy part was getting inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. The hard part will be living up to that standard every day.

"(They) are expected to be as close to perfect as perfect can be," Dean said.

Less than 1 percent of all non-commissioned officers who appear before the board pass on their first tries, Dean said. This was Carter's and Jones' first time before the Sergeant Audie Murphy board.

"Who knows how far they will go," Dean said.

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Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, congratulates Staff Sgt. Larry L. Jones, who stands beside his wife, Julia (far right), after he was inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club May 31. Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey L. Carter (far left), standing with his wife, Sheena (second from left), also was inducted into the prestigious organization.

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Directorate wires fort for future tech needs

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

From the standpoint of the Directorate of Information Management, there is no such thing as a temporary building. Temporary relocatable buildings being set up on Fort Riley are just one aspect of the increase in challenges DOIM is facing with the growth of the post.

"If you put a person in there and they need communication abilities, we have to provide them, and it's not a temporary solution," said DOIM Director Gary Becker.

Many people think of DOIM as just providing computer service to units and organizations on post. It really is a whole lot more.

Another aspect is telephone service. Camp Funston, a boom-

ing area on post with limited telephone capabilities is proving to be a challenge for the directorate, Becker said. The capabilities of the Funston area have been maximized, so DOIM is moving equipment from another area of the post to Funston to provide for the increased requirements.

"That is not an easy task," Becker said. "It does not happen overnight, and it is something we must do at the same time we're providing communications across this post."

"It's a challenge to find the time. It's a challenge to find that extra money because we have to do it in a timely fashion so our customers aren't without phones," he added.

New buildings on post aren't the only one's adding to DOIM's



workload. As the usage of old buildings change, so do the communication requirements.

"One of our challenges from the planning aspect is to try to forecast exactly what the building's going to be used for and allocate resources to it appropriately," said Steven Seals, information technology specialist for planning.

What was once a barracks building might become a headquarters and what's sufficient for barracks is not sufficient for a headquarters, Seals said.

"Many times we're caught in the infield position of going back and readdressing the requirements and then, if necessary, either contracting or putting in the additional infrastructures to suit that envi-

ronment," Seals said.

Much of what is done to change and ready new buildings for incoming occupants isn't seen at a surface level. In early 2000, Fort Riley was chosen to participate in the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Plan. The purpose of the plan was to provide connectivity to as many buildings on post as possible, as long as the building had five users in it, Becker explained.

Fort Riley added to the plan by investing some of its own money in the project.

"We put in a lot more fiber (optics) while the ground was open and the conduit was available," Becker said. "So we had a lot of what they call 'dark fiber,' or unused fiber, across this post. We also wired up a lot more buildings than initially planned. We

planned for the future strategically."

Because there are unused fibers, DOIM doesn't necessarily have to go in and pull out or add systems, but deeper down in the infrastructure it is able to reallocate resources where they are needed, Seals added.

Besides adding telephone and computer connections across post, DOIM also is working to tighten security. Starting in May, computer users on post could only log in to their computers using their common access card. Before that became their only option though, their computers were ready and equipped with CAC readers and inside DOIM, the employees were playing guinea pigs and using nothing but their cards to log in.

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Program expands safety effort

By Heidi Paulson
KSU intern

Personal accidents resulted in the death of one Soldier every 29 hours in fiscal year 2005, and 141 of those deaths were associated with privately owned vehicles, according to information provided by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker, Army chief of staff, stated in a recent letter to Soldiers that the preventable loss of even one member of the Army team – Soldier, civilian or supporting contractor – is unacceptable.

Army leaders have recognized that safety efforts must include off-duty activities in their process of identifying, assessing and controlling the chance of bad consequences arising from on- and off-duty activities.

As a result of this realization, the "Own the Edge" campaign evolved from the Army's existing risk assessment program, the Army Safety Campaign developed in April 2004.

This new campaign focuses on giving Soldiers the tools to avoid becoming accidental statistics on- or off-duty.

Rick Hearron, safety and occupational health specialist for Fort Riley, said the latest campaign is different from its predecessors.

5 steps to limit risks:

*These are the five steps of
composite risk management:*

**Identify hazards,
Assess hazards,
Develop controls,
Implement controls and
Supervise and evaluate**

"In the past, we concentrated more on tactical hazards," Hearron said.

"Now, with composite risk management, we're looking at both your tactical hazards and your accidental hazards, which include your family," he said, referring to the process of helping Soldiers think smart and take personal action and control to lessen the chance of bad consequences arising from on- and off-duty activities.

Paul Inman, installation safety officer at Fort Riley, said these tools put the individual Soldier in charge and make them responsible for their activities when not on duty.

Inman said the U.S. Safety Center Ala., has set standards high when it comes to implementing the "Own the Edge" campaign. Efforts at Fort Rucker include

banners and "Got Risk?" posters and huge double-sided signs on easily portable trailers to greet Fort Rucker's Soldiers at the gates to remind them daily that they are "warriors on the edge."

"In the current funding posture, we're still developing our program to match up with the goals of the Army," Inman said.

He added that while Fort Riley's safety office has a lower budget than Fort Rucker's, Fort Riley is doing its part in providing Soldiers with the necessary materials.

"We do have 'Own the Edge' banners that we issued to the battalions, and I believe a lot of them have put them up in their motor pools," he said. The banners also are placed at post gates during holiday seasons.

Inman said USACRC mobile training teams are coming July 31 through Aug. 4 to conduct a 40-hour block of composite risk management training covering tactical, garrison and off-duty safety.

"It's open to anyone who wishes to attend," he said, "but it is geared toward the Soldier."

Inman said Fort Riley's safety office promotes boater safety in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers and also participates in the "Click It or Ticket" program and seatbelt checks before every major holiday with the Department of the Army police.

"Safety articles are printed in

the Post throughout the year, and we provide four-hour training programs to both military units and civilian directorates," he said.

"We also offer child safety seat inspections and installations; you'd be surprised at how many types of car seats have been recalled or are not properly installed," he said.

Inman said the safety office provides child safety seats and bicycle helmets free of charge to families who cannot afford them. Families should call (785) 239-2514 to make an appointment.

"We've also got some nice pens we give to the Soldiers to help them identify the five steps," he said.

The pens have a window on them that allows the steps to be viewed as the printed cylinder rotates with each click of the pen. "So when the Soldier's sitting there and clicking the pen, they have a reminder," he said.

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Soldiers of 1st Bn., 5th FA, pat down a person playing an Iraqi national during a traffic control point exercise. The TCP was set up as part of a convoy training to prepare the Soldiers for deployment to Iraq as security force companies in the fall.



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A 1st Bn., 5th FA, Soldier guards a suspect while fellow Soldiers check a vehicle during training at Fort Riley. The vehicle matched the description of one suspected to be carrying an IED.

1st Bn., 5th FA trains for Iraq

Exercise includes traffic control point search for vehicle-borne IEDS

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

"Keep your hands up," shouted a Soldier to the passenger of a red Chevy S-10 pickup stopped at a traffic control point at Fort Riley.

The Soldier kept his weapon and eyes directed at the vehicle while off to his right the driver of the vehicle was searched. The 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, Soldiers manning the TCP had been warned during a briefing before their mission of a suspicious red truck in the area; and sure enough, after setting up the TCP, a red pickup pulled up carrying an improvised explosive device.

The TCP was just the first of several tasks the 1st Bn., 5th FA, Soldiers completed during a convoy training exercise June 8. Fur-

ther along the hilly range road route, an IED detonated, crippling one of the convoy's "Humvees." Another Soldier simulated injuries received to his arm after engaging an insurgent firing from the trees.

For a long stretch of rocky road, nothing happened. The uneventful section of the course was added to simulate the stretches of road the Soldiers from Batteries B and D will drive while deployed to Iraq as security forces after they deploy this fall, said Capt. Gene Porter, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery commander.

As security forces in Iraq, the Soldiers will be responsible for escorting supply convoys between forward operating bases throughout Iraq.

Even though the drives may

often be long and uneventful, the Soldiers must remain alert and on the lookout, Porter added.

This was one of the first training exercises the field artillery Soldiers faced as a beefed-up SECFOR company. For the deployment mission, the companies have almost doubled in size from its approximate number of 90 Soldiers.

Lt. Col. Chad LeMay, battalion commander, said the companies reorganized in April to allow the new change of command to get used to all of the new Soldiers and managing so many people.

After the reorganization, the Soldiers started training on small arms ranges and participated in a lot of driver training. LeMay stressed the importance of the driver training in helping to prevent unnecessary accidents while

deployed.

"It may be one of those things that sounds simple," he said, "but it's an important part of the training." The battalion's goal is to have each Soldier in the unit licensed on the M1114's, the vehicles they'll be driving in Iraq.

The convoy training exercise June 8 was the first event toward "ramping up" to more brigade-directed training starting in July with motorized gunnery training, LeMay said.

Besides training the SECFOR companies for deployment, 1st Bn., 5th FA, has been in the process of receiving new equipment, sending unneeded equipment to other units and setting up family readiness groups for the

deploying batteries.

Despite all the other jobs in the battalion, LeMay said he thinks the important thing is to try to make the training for the deploying batteries as tough and realistic as possible.

"They're very important jobs," he said of the SECFOR companies' missions. "The best way you can train is to do a lot of repetitions and get the guys to where they're very comfortable in it so when it's time to react it becomes instinct and they do the right thing."

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The CAC log in is a required Department of the Army initiative, Becker explained, and provides a more secure way to log on to a computer.

"The Army is tightening down its security," Becker explained. "It is causing a lot of heartburn and concern with our user community and our customers because they are used to (just getting the job done). DOIM's primary directorate is to provide a communication network that is as secure as possible."

The employees at DOIM work in a constantly changing, fluid environment. Any plans made more than six months out require revision before they're implemented, Seals said.

"We go through many, many revisions of one plan we've made before we get the final product, and then in some cases have to go back and make additional changes once it's implemented," Seals added.

Despite the challenges of running an enterprise class communication environment and adapting to constant changes in mission, its systems are up and running 99 percent of the time, Becker said. Of course, he added, "when it burps, you can bet your bottom dollar it's going to be at prime time."

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Convoy

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situated farther down the hill. It was all part of a two-phase convoy training exercise to help prepare the "Iron Rangers" for deployment to Iraq in the fall.

The Soldiers of Companies B and C will deploy as security force companies whose mission will be to secure convoys throughout Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Jeff Wernholm of Co. B is a vehicle mechanic training for his company's new mission. Right now, everyone is in the learning phase, he said, but everyone is catching on well.

Wernholm said he felt the training the "Iron Rangers" are receiving will help once they're in Iraq.

"We have people that are in contact with the unit that we'll be replacing, so a lot of our training is based off of what's going on real-time in-country."

Before doing the actual convoy exercise, the Soldiers participated in two days of training to prepare for the situational training exercise. During the exercise, the Soldiers followed a route around Fort Riley where they encountered various situations they may find themselves facing once they are in Iraq.

The Soldiers found themselves practicing for anything from a flat

tire or vehicle breakdown to being fired on by enemy forces.

"In this particular scenario," said Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., commander, of the Soldiers' encounter near the rappelling tower, "the ability to dismount and attack the enemy is not necessary. They've got to continue moving because they have a lot of local nationals with them and these big rigs they can't just abandon on the highway."

Probably the hardest thing the Soldiers went over June 6 was the passage of lines and working with commodity vehicles within the convoy, Wernholm said. Passage of lines is letting other units know when your convoy passes into and out of their areas of operations, he explained.

"This is extremely complex because you're incorporating all the skills of an infantryman and all the skills of those that are normally associated with the logistics field and rolling it all together into one and then doing it at a really fast pace," Zachar said. "The Soldiers are really earning their money here."

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A convoy of M1114s escorts a truck up Trooper Drive during a 1st Bn., 16th Inf., convoy training exercise June 6.

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Sports news in brief

Post students sign to play

Kristina McDowell has signed a letter of intent and has a scholarship to play soccer with Cloud County Community College, reported Junction City High School Soccer Coach Lara Staker. Midfielder McDowell also made the All Region Second Team this year. Jennifer Rodriguez has signed a letter of intent and received a scholarship to play with Neosho County Community College. Forwards Carolyn Hollis and Nikki Martineau made the All Region Second Team and Hollis also made the Centennial League Second Team. The Junction City High School Lady Jays received recognition as All Region First Team for Sportsmanship, Staker reported.

JC Generals to play at home

The Junction City Generals baseball team plays the Kansas City Barnstormers at home in Ralston Stadium beginning at 7:05 p.m. June 16. Grandstand admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. General admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Admission to the beer garden is \$20 for five drinks and all you can eat. The Generals play the Derby Twins at home at 7:05 p.m. June 17 and the Chillicothe Mudcats at home at 7:05 p.m. June 20 and 21. Fridays feature fireworks after the game. Wednesdays are kids nights, and kids can run the bases and play catch in the infield after the game. Mondays are military appreciation nights, and military members get in for half price. For more information or to buy tickets, go online at www.junctioncitygenerals.com

NBA tour plans Fort Riley stop

The NBA 2006 Trophy Tour comes to Fort Riley 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 24 at King Field House. Open to military, families, DoD employees and civilians, the event includes basketball games, food and music in a carnival atmosphere. Two NBA players plan personal appearances during the event. One will be Jacques Vaughn from the New Jersey Nets. He is a former University of Kansas player. The other NBA player is yet to be named.

Field House activities listed

June 18 – 2 to 4 p.m., Riley Wheels at King Field House, family skate. \$1 for each ID card holder
June 19 – 9 to 10 a.m., Spinning; noon to 1 p.m., Yoga; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Turbo Kick; 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Total Body Toning
June 20 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., PT Power Time; 6 to 7 p.m., Spinning
June 21 – 9 to 10 a.m., Spinning
June 22 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., spinning; noon to 1 p.m., Yoga; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Spinning Class; 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Cardio Pump
 For more information, call 239-2813.

Battalion teams take to diamonds

Staff report

Battalion softball teams took to Fort Riley's diamonds May 31 for the first time this season. Four teams entered the league: 1st Engineer Battalion; 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor; 610th Brigade Support Battalion; and a combined Medical Department Activity and Dental Activity team.

The opening day of play pitted MEDDAC/DENTAC against

610th BSB and 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, against 1st Eng. Bn., in back-to-back doubleheaders at 8 and 9 p.m. on the post's softball complex off Huebner Road.

The Armor team defeated the Engineers by wide margins in both games. They won the opener 12-5 and improved on their performance in the second game, shutting down the Engineers 16-1.

MEDDAC/DENTAC also won both its games against 610th BSB,

but by smaller margins.

They slipped past BSB 13-12 in the opener, and then improved to a 12-6 win in the second game.

Battalion teams next played June 7, and 610th BSB won both its games against 1st Eng. Bn. They took the first game 10-8 and the second 6-4.

MEDDAC/DENTAC and 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, split their doubleheader, with the Armor winning the first game 19-10 and

MEDDAC/DENTAC turning the tables on the Armor, 19-13, in the second game.

Results of the scheduled June 14 games were not available at press time.

Battalion teams play again June 28. The 610th BSB and 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, play each other at 8 and 9 p.m. on Field 1 at the complex. MEDDAC/DENTAC and 1st Eng. Bn. play at the same times on Field 2.

Standings (as of June 7)

	Won	Lost
1st Eng. Bn.	0	4
2-34 Armor	3	1
MEDDAC	3	1
610TH BSB	2	2

Out on first



Post/Heronemus

First baseman Justin Casson steps of the bag after forcing a Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, runner out, and then eyes 72nd Eng. Co. third baseman Dennis Leonard for a throw to put out another Armor runner advancing from second base. Engineer pitcher Sean Thomas steps back out of the first base to third base line of fire.

A-2-34 Armor holds off 72nd Eng. Co.

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The Armor outgunned the Engineers 13-11 June 8 to win a company level African League slow-pitch softball game on the post complex off Huebner Road.

Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, scored in all but two innings to defeat the 72nd Engineer Company, which added scores to the book in all but three innings. The Engineers trailed the Armor 13-7 after 6 1/2 innings of play and started their final at-bat with some hope when Cody Davis got on base with a double.

That turned sour when Matt Keesling stepped to the plate and hit a ball that crossed paths with Davis as he was running to third. He couldn't sidestep the hit and was called out when it hit him.

Justin Giersdorf brought Engineer fans and players to their feet when he smacked the ball deep into center field for an inside-the-park homerun that also scored

Keesling, making the score 13-9.

The Engineer bats kept swinging effectively, scoring David Roberts and Sean Thomas, the lead-off and second batters on the team roster, before the Armor defense used a double play to end the game and win 13-11.

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Upcoming American League games:
June 19, 6 p.m. – Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, plays Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Engineer Battalion; Battery B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, plays Forward Support Company, 1st Eng. Bn.; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, plays 116th Military Police Company
June 19, 7 p.m. – Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, plays HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.; Battery D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, plays FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.; and Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion, plays MEDDAC/DENTAC
June 19, 8 p.m. – 111th Sapper Company, 1st Eng. Bn., plays 72nd Engineer Company; 41st Engineer Company plays

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment/Company A, 101st FSB; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, plays Co. B, 101st FSB

June 19, 9 p.m. – 111th Sapper Co., 1st Eng. Bn., plays HHD/Co. A, 101st FSB; 41st Eng. Co. plays 72nd Eng. Co.; and HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, plays 977th Military Police Company

June 20 – Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, plays HHC, 1st Eng. Bn., at 6 p.m.; HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., at 7 p.m.; Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, plays 10th Air Support Operations Squadron at 8 p.m.; and Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, plays 116th MP Co. at 9 p.m.

June 21, 6 p.m. – 41st Eng. Co. plays Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech); 111th Sapper Co., 1st Eng. Bn., plays 15th Finance Company; and HHC, 1st BCT, plays 10th ASOS

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172nd Chem. stays alive

Bats beat opponents in bottom of seventh

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

After leading the game on three runs scored in the second inning, 172nd Chemical Company found itself in a do-or-die situation in the bottom of the seventh inning.

They didn't die, coming back in the bottom of the final inning to win the company level National League slow-pitch softball game 4-3.

Gaining the composure they needed, Frank Hamm got on base with a single in the last inning of

play. Company C, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, got the next batter out, but John Watkins hit another single that moved Hamm to third base.

Benjamin Ludiker ended the game with a hit that sent Hamm home for the 4-3 win.

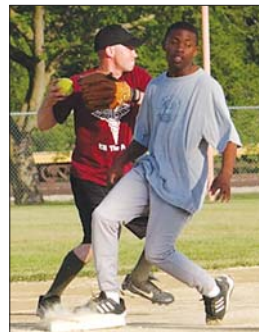
Scoreless in all but the third inning and trailing 172nd Chem. Co. 3-1, Co. C surprised their opponents with two runs in the top of the seventh inning to tie the leaders.

After one out, Martin Gossenaer hit a double that went past the 172nd shortstop. A. Muniz

came to the plate and hit another double that moved Gossenaer to third base. Jeremy Krebs lined a single through the infield to score Gossenaer and tie the game.

The 172nd defense tightened after that, catching one fly for an out and watching another batter hit foul on the third strike for the last out.

Both teams played tough defense throughout the game. The 172nd allowed only five batters to the plate in the first inning, four in the third and three in the



Rondell Dunmore of 172nd Chem. Co. reaches second base too late as Jeremy Krebs steps off the bag to throw to first base to complete a double play for Co. C, 610th BSB, June 8 in National League slow-pitch softball action at the Fort Riley softball complex.

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Sports news briefly

Eyster Pool activities listed

June 17 – 9 to 11 p.m.,

Hawaiian Pool Party

June 19 – 5:45 to 6:30

p.m., Abs/Buns & Thighs

June 20 – 9:30 to 10:30

a.m., Water Aerobics

June 20 – 5 to 6 p.m.,

Water Aerobics

June 21 – 5:45 to 6:30

p.m., Abs/Buns & Thighs

June 22 – 9:30 to 10:30

a.m., Water Aerobics; 5 to 6

p.m., Water Aerobics

June 23 – 8 to 10 p.m.,

Family Fun Night

For more information, call

239-4854.

Golf course open for play

Custer Hill Golf Course is

open for play 8 a.m. to dusk

Tuesday through Sunday.

Old Bill's Grill is open for

lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 16 – Noon, MED-

DAC golf outing

June 17 – 8 a.m., ABCD

Golf Event

For more information, call

784-6000.

Custer Lanes lists events

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June 17 – 4 to 7 p.m., Fam-

ily Time Extreme Bowling

June 18-19 – 10 p.m. to 1

a.m., Extreme Bowling

June 19 – 4 to 6 p.m., Fam-

ily Time Extreme Bowling

Custer Hill Bowling Center,

Building 7485, offers open

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through Thursdays, 5 to 10

p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m.

Saturdays.

For more information about

Bowling Center activities, call

239-4366.



Engineer David Roberts stretches a foot toward second base as the Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, shortstop tries to snag a hit ball and pitch it to his second baseman June 8.

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June 21, 7 p.m. – 41st Eng. Co. plays Co. B, 101st FSB, 111th Sapper Co., 1st Eng. Bn., plays HHC, 24th Inf. Div.; and HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays 15th Finance Co.

June 21, 8 p.m. – Company B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.; Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.; and Battery D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, plays MEDDAC/DENTAC

June 21, 9 p.m. – Btry. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.; Btry. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, plays HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.; and HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, plays 116th MP Co.

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American League Standings (as of June 8)

	Wins	Losses
HHC, 1st BCT	2	4
Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. #1	0	0
Co. B, 1-16th Inf. Nationals	0	0
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.	9	1
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	6	1
Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	2	3
Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	1	9
Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA	5	3
Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA	3	2
HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	5	2
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	3	1
HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.	1	6
FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.	3	5
111th Sapper Co.	2	3
41st Eng. Co.	1	1
72nd Eng. Co.	1	3
IHH/Co. A, 101st FSB	2	6
Co. B, 101st FSB	3	1
D Trp., 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav	3	1
HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech)	3	4
15th Fin. Co.	0	5
977th MP Co.	0	0
MEDDAC/DENTAC	6	1
10th ASOS	1	2
116th MP Co.	2	2

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second, fourth, fifth and sixth.

Co. C's defense started loosely, allowing five batters to the plate in the first inning and seven to the plate in the second inning, but they retired players one-two-three in the third through sixth innings.

Upcoming National League games:

June 19 – Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, plays Company A, 610th BSB, at 6 p.m.; HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., plays Company D, 610th BSB, at 7 p.m.; 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, plays Co. C, 610th BSB, at 8 p.m.; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, plays Company C, 70th

Engineer Battalion, at 9 p.m.

June 20, 6 p.m. – Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, plays 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav.; Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, plays Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion; and 596th Signal Company plays Company B, 610th BSB

June 20, 7 p.m. – 596th Sig. Co. plays Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav., plays Co. B, 610th BSB; and HHC, 3rd BCT, plays Co. B, 125th FSB

June 20, 8 p.m. – Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, plays Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA; Co. A, 610th BSB, plays Company E, 610th BSB; and Co. D, 610th

BSB, plays 3/362 Armor, 2nd

Brigade, 91st Division

June 20, 9 p.m. – HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., plays Co. E, 610th BSB; Co. A, 610th BSB, plays Company G, 610th BSB; and Co. C, 610th BSB, plays Co. G, 610th BSB.

June 21 – Co. E, 610th BSB, plays 24th Transportation Company at 6 p.m.; Co. B, 125th FSB, plays 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav., at 7 p.m.; Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn., plays HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., at 8 p.m.; and Service Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, plays HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., at 9 p.m.

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National League Softball Standings (as of June 8)

	Wins	Losses		Wins	Losses
HHC, 3rd BCT	0	5	Co. A, 610th BSB	1	3
Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf	2	4	Co. B, 610th BSB	4	2
Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Armor	6	0	Co. C, 610th BSB	1	6
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor	4	4	Co. D, 610th BSB	3	0
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor	3	4	Co. E, 610th BSB	1	5
Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA	7	3	Co. F, 610th BSB	1	5
Svc. Btry., 4th Bn., 1st FA	3	6	Co. G, 610th BSB	6	2
Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn.	6	2	HHC, 4th IBCT STB	0	0
Co. B, 125th FSB	4	3	24th Trans. Co.	3	2
596th Sig. Co.	1	5	2/2 HET	4	3
HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.	2	2	172nd Chem. Co.	1	4
2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav	4	0	1ST Maint. Co.	2	4
Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA	2	1	3/362 Armor, 2/91st	3	1

Oris Webster of

BSB, slides safely

into second base

as 172nd Chem.

Co.'s John

Watkins waits for

the throw and

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Dix watches June

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Misfortunes stymie Army car

Army News Service

LONG POND, Pa.— Though Joe Nemecek brought the U.S. Army Chevrolet home in one piece, he didn't get the result he was looking for in the June 11 Pocono 500 Nextel Cup race.

Nemecek posted a 29th-place finish as he wrestled with handling problems during the 200-lap race at Pocono Raceway.

"We just didn't have the consistency," Nemecek said. "We had a couple of good (green-flag) runs, but then the car got loose.

And to make matters worse, we had a brake issue to contend with, as did a number of other teams. At times I would have to really pump the brakes to get them hard. Overall, we were disappointed that we didn't give our brave Soldiers a better performance on the Army's 231st birthday."

Nemecek, who started 21st, was running in 12th position when the race was restarted on Lap 72. He wasn't able to maintain or gain track position. Instead, he dropped back in the field. To make matters worse, as

he was stretching out a green-flag run hoping for a caution, he ran out of gas on Lap 139.

"NASCAR was talking about debris on the track and we took a gamble that a caution would come out," offered crew chief Ryan Pemberton. "The yellow flag did fly a few laps later — luck just wasn't on our side."

Nemecek and the U.S. Army team are looking to change their misfortunes at Michigan International Speedway where the 01 car posted two top-10 finishes last year.

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bound on Fifth Street until they reach the finish line at Jefferson Street — the southwest corner of Heritage Park.

Plaques and cash prizes will be given to winners in each class, including the wheelchair division. Each masters age division first, second and third place winners will receive \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively.

Second through fourth places in each division will receive medals.

Entry fee is \$15 and includes a T-shirt. Entry forms can be picked up at the Junction City YMCA, 1703 McFarland Road, Monday and Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday or at the Armed Services YMCA at 111 E. 16th St. in Junction City during normal operating hours.

Entry deadline is July 3

before the Junction City YMCA closes. No entries are accepted on race day. The race will start at 7:30 a.m. July 4. A 1-mile fun run begins at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact the Junction City YMCA at 762-4780.

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Company League Softball Scores May 31-June 8

National League

May 31

Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion, defeated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 22-1

Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, defeated Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 18-6
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, defeated Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, 7-6
2/2 Heavy Equipment Transport defeated Service Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 9-8

Svc. Btry., 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated 172nd Chemical Company, 9-7
Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated 172nd Chem. Co., 21-1

Company C, 70th Engineer Battalion, defeated 1st Maintenance Company, 10-7

June 5

Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated Co. B, 125th FSB, 19-8

June 6

Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn., defeated

596th Signal Company, 17-10
Company C, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, defeated Company E, 610th BSB, 15-10

24th Trans. Co. won by forfeit over 172nd Chem. Co.

Co. C, 610th BSB, won by forfeit over Company F, 610th BSB
Company G, 610th BSB, defeated 2/2 HET, 13-5

Company B, 610th BSB, defeated Co. E, 610th BSB, 18-17
Co. B, 610th BSB, won by forfeit over Co. F, 610th BSB

3/362nd Armor, 2nd Brigade, 91st Division, defeated 2/2 HET, 6-3

24th Trans. Co. defeated 1st Maint. Co., 10-5

Svc. Btry., 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated 1st Maint. Co., 15-10
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, defeated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 11-10

Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 19-8

Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Armor, defeated Svc. Btry., 4th Bn., 1st

FA, 17-6
Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn., defeated Co. A, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, 20-7

June 7

Co. B, 125th FSB, defeated Co. C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, 18-17
Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated 596th Sig. Co., 17-12

Co. B, 610th BSB, defeated 24th Trans. Co., 11-10
Co. E, 610th BSB, defeated Co. G, 610th BSB, 11-6

June 8

2/2 HET won by forfeit over Co. F, 610th BSB
1st Maint. Co. defeated Co. E, 610th BSB, 14-8

172nd Chem. Co. defeated Co. C, 610th BSB, 4-3
Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeated HHC, 3rd BCT, 22-5

Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., defeated Svc. Btry., 4th Bn., 1st FA, 9-8
Co. G, 610th BSB, defeated Co. E, 610th BSB, 17-15

American League

May 31

Forward Support Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, defeated D Troop, 4th Cavalry, 10-8
Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, won by forfeit over Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Eng. Bn.

Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., 15-1
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, won by forfeit over 10th Air Support Operations Squadron

D Trp., 4th Cav., won by forfeit over HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.

June 5

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, won by forfeit over Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA

Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated Battery D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 17-11
111th Sapper Company defeated FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., 14-8

Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated 111th Sapper Co., 14-8

Battery D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated 72nd Engineer Company, 11-5

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, defeated 72nd Eng. Co., 17-10

Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated 41st Engineer Company, 19-1

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment/Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion, defeated HHC, 1st Eng. Bn., 11-6
Company B, 101st FSB, defeated HHC, 1st Eng. Bn., 19-1

Co. B, 101st FSB, defeated FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., 17-6
FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., defeated HHC/Co. A, 101st FSB, 15-1

116th Military Police Company defeated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), 9-8

MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated HHC, 24th Inf. Div., 25-7

June 7

Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated 111th Sapper Co., 20-7

41st Eng. Co. won by forfeit

over Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor
111th Sapper Co. won by forfeit over Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor

Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated 111th Sapper Co., 14-2

HHC, 24th Inf. Div., defeated FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., 9-7
HHC, 24th Inf. Div., defeated HHC, 1st Eng. Bn., 16-3

June 8

HHC, 1st Eng. Bn., defeated 15th Finance Company, 13-7
MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated HHC, 1st Eng. Bn., 15-6

MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., 14-3
FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., defeated 15th Fin. Co., 15-14

Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated 72nd Eng. Co., 13-11
72nd Eng. Co. defeated HHC/Co. A, 101st FSB, 11-9

HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated HHC, 1st BCT, 7-2
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 9-5

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, June 16, 2006

Community news briefly

Society elects new board

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley has announced its new board of officers.

Jim Parker will serve as president, Portia Young as vice president, Kelly Hockersmith as secretary and Rachelle Grimes as Treasurer.

For more information about the society, send e-mail to hasfr_events@hotmail.com.

City band sets free concert

The U.S. Cavalry Museum will sponsor a band concert beginning at 7 p.m. June 16 on the museum grounds. The Junction City Municipal Band will present a program of patriotic music.

The public is invited and members of the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley plan to be on hand to provide refreshments.

Persons planning to attend should bring lawn chairs or blankets.

In case of inclement weather, the program will not be rescheduled.

Library hosts reader program

The Fort Riley Library Summer Youth Reading Program started with 75 children participating. The 2006 theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales," celebrating the world of animals. The program concludes June 24.

In keeping with the theme, the Saturday story times this summer also will have an animal theme. All Fort Riley families are welcome to attend the Saturday story times at 1:30 or 4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

On June 17, listeners will hear "What Dads Can't Do" by Douglas Wood. Little Creature helps his dad play hide-and-seek, play on the swing and cross the street by holding his hand.

The Fort Riley Library is in Building 5306, Hood Drive, on Custer Hill.

For more information, call 239-5305.

Youth services plans classes

June 17 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Red Cross Babysitting Class; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Home Alone Training.

For more information, call 239-9173.

Teen Center lists activities

June 16 - 9 p.m. to midnight, Midnight Basketball (Staff vs. Youth)

June 17 - 9 p.m. to midnight, Midnight Basketball (Staff vs. Youth)

June 20 - 2 to 6 p.m., swim trip on Fort Riley

June 21 - 2 to 5 p.m., bowling at Custer Hill Lanes

June 22 - 6 to 8 p.m., volleyball (Staff vs. Youth)

June 23 - 7 to 9 p.m., new-comer's karaoke

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

100 graduate on post

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

One hundred graduates dressed in robes and mortarboards filed into King Field House June 7 to be recognized for their accomplishments and receive their degrees.

"Next to liberty, next to justice, education is the next most important ingredient," said Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding gen-

eral, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, during his address to the graduates.

He congratulated the degree earners and commended them on finishing their degrees while serving their country, raising families or holding down jobs.

The graduates, 197 total, earned their degrees from Central Michigan University, Upper Iowa University, Central Texas College, Barton Community College, Kansas State University and from

a number of distance learning colleges and universities.

One hundred fifty associate degrees, 38 bachelor's degrees, eight master's degrees and one doctorate were awarded to Soldiers, family members, retirees, veterans and civilians from the Fort Riley area.

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Graduates file to their seats during the post-wide graduation ceremony June 7 at King Field House. College programs on post conferred 197 degrees on the nontraditional students.

Post/Morelock

It's a 'keeper'

Post youth reel in fish for prizes

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The traditional "big one that got away" fish tales took second place to the one mother Michelle and son Dylan McSherry, 11, told at the end of the youth fishing tournament at Moon Lake on post June 10.

Dylan was reeling in lots of fish at the spot he picked out, but he decided to move when he and his mother saw a snake catch a fish of its own in the water, and then slither up on the grass nearby to eat it.

The move didn't hurt Dylan's day, though. He won first place for the biggest stringer of fish caught by an individual in the 12 and under age category. He caught 13 fish.

Trevor Hoyle's dad, Doug, told the judges he was sure the largest fish of the day got away from his son. It broke 11-year-old Trevor's fishing line, it was so big.

Despite that loss, Trevor caught the biggest fish by weight and by size by the end of the five-hour tournament. His longest fish was 17 1/2 inches, and the heaviest fish weighed 1 pound, 15 ounces. He also won second place for catching the biggest string of fish by an individual.

Trevor opted to throw several of the catfish he hooked back into the lake because he figured they were too small to win a prize. By 10:35 a.m., just a little more than a half hour after the tournament started, he had caught five keepers, but he had thrown back two or three. By the end of the day, he said he had thrown back 13 to 15 catfish, keeping the ones that he thought would win prizes.

Trevor used Illinois-purchased stink bait, the best thing to catch catfish, the young fisherman said.

The Looney family caught the most fish as a family, bringing 17 good-sized catfish and 21 bluegills to the weighing station.

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Trevor Hoyle, 11, reaches for his line after catching a "keeper" catfish June 10 at the Outdoor Recreation Center Youth Fishing Tournament at Moon Lake on Fort Riley. His dad, Doug, watches.

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District hires Dodds to run JCHS

By Charles Volland
Communications coordinator

Stanley W. Dodds, currently the junior/senior high principal in the Sargent School District, Monte Vista, Colo., has been selected as the new Junction City High School principal effective July 1, 2006.

Dodds has more than 30 years of experience in education, previously serving from 1999 to 2004 as principal at Sand Creek High School in the Falcon School District adjacent to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sand Creek High School had a staff of 120 and served more than 1,500 students, including many in military families.

Dodds is familiar with the high school academy structure used at Junction City High School and referenced the JCHS model in the development of an academy model while at Sand Creek High School.

Dodds began his career in education at Laramie High School in Laramie, Wyo., where he was a math instructor and coach from 1971 to 1978.

He completed the Colorado Administrator Licensure Program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1989, his master of arts degree in secondary education at Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo., in 1989; and his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics in 1970 at the University of Wyoming.

Dodds and his wife have been married for 37 years and have two children and five grandchildren.

Men reluctant to take care of routine check-ups

By Pete Wiemers
Community health nurse

There is an ongoing, increasing and predominantly silent crisis in the health and wellbeing of men.

According to the Men's Health Line Network, many men are reluctant to visit their doctors for routine check-ups for a variety of reasons, including embarrassment of discussing health issues, fear, and lack of knowledge and information about their health and bodies.

This is illustrated by government statistics which show that men visit the doctor 150 million times less frequently than women per year. And, a high percentage of the physician visits made by men are for injuries suffered on

the job, at home, or at play, reflecting the more dangerous nature of men's work and recreational activities.

Unfortunately, these emergency room type visits do not result in comprehensive health examinations nor are they conducive to the kind of health care discussions so necessary between physician and patient.

Compared with women, men are less knowledgeable about health, less physically active during ages 35-54, less likely to use sunscreen, twice as likely to die of skin cancer, three times as likely to be alcoholics, suffer heart attacks 10 years earlier, are five times more likely to commit suicide, nine times more likely to die as the result of a job related injury, and die 7 years earlier. Additionally, when men do



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seek medical assistance, they are more likely to cancel follow-up appointments, more likely to play down the severity of symptoms and less likely to finish their prescriptions.

Prevention and early detection seem to be the keys to good health and high survival rates.

Prostate and testicular cancer survival rates are a good example. Early detection of prostate cancer is critical to the preservation of life and health

care strategies for those at risk of prostate cancer.

Additionally, there is an 87 percent survival rate for testicular cancer if detected early. One in five men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime, with more than 32,000 dying from the disease each year.

Prostate cancer occurs 50 percent more often in African-American men than in white men.

African-American men in the United States have the highest incidence in the world of prostate

cancer with only a 63 percent survival rate.

Another disease specific to men is testicular cancer, one of the most common cancers in men aged 15-34.

Men are at higher risk for a number of other cancers, such as melanoma, leukemia and cancers of the lung, bladder and kidney.

National Men's Health Week is celebrated each year as the week leading up to and including Father's Day.

Passed by Congress, this week is recognition that men's health needs impact not only the man but his family and friends as well.

For more information, call the Nurse Advice Line at 239-DOCS, the Preventive Medicine Services at 239-7323 or your primary care clinic.





Campers have G.R.E.A.T. fun

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Almost 100 students, divided by T-shirt color – blue, green, yellow and red – lined the bleachers in the gymnasium at Fort Riley Middle School June 8. A rope stretched across the gym floor, running from wall to wall.

After listening to instructions, the teams got the chance to tug each other across the floor during multiple games of tug of war.

The tug of war was just one of several team-building activities the soon to be sixth- and seventh-graders participated in as a part of the Fort Riley Military Police and Unified School District 475's annual Gang Resistance Education and Training summer camp June 5-9.

The theme for the seventh annual G.R.E.A.T. camp was

"Teamwork and Communication." "During the course of the camp, students will participate in several activities that will require teambuilding efforts and effective communication to complete and succeed at given tasks," said Provost Marshal's Office Liaison Tom Desjardins in a description of the summer camp.

Besides participating in team-building activities at Fort Riley Middle School for part of each day, the campers also enjoyed activities such as swimming, bowling and a wetlands tour.

As a wrap up to the week of activities, the students participated in a community service project and held a barbeque in Junction City.

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Two members of the yellow team cheer and others watch as one of its members competes in tug of war. The G.R.E.A.T. campers took part in it and other team building activities each day during the summer camp June 5-9.

More troops, families tap into DoD counseling help

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON, March 14, 2006 – With high operational tempos and multiple deployments increasingly becoming the norm, more servicemembers and their families are seeking counseling

services, the Pentagon's family policy chief said.

The Department of Defense started expanding its array of counseling services shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to help counter the stress military service places on servicemembers and their families, particularly during wartime,

Barbara Thompson, director of the DoD's Office of Family Policy, told American Forces Press Service.

The result is a vast family-assistance counseling network that emphasizes problem solving and communications skills that help individuals and families get

through difficult times.

Services extend beyond active-duty troops and their families to include two groups not always included in military programs: National Guard and reserve members not on active duty, and DoD civilian employees who have deployed overseas.

Educational sessions, the broadest form of counseling provided, focus on basic life skills, such as stress and anger management, communications, decision making and financial stability.

Outreach sessions are a bit more targeted, with counselors or social workers attending town hall

meetings and greeting troops returning from deployments.

Anyone interested in these programs can get a referral from post service providers. They can also request help directly by calling Military OneSource, toll-free from the states at (800) 342-9647 or overseas at 800-342-6477.



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Carmela Looney, 5, rebaiting her hook after catching a bluegill in the Outdoor Recreation Center Youth Fishing Tournament at Moon Lake June 10. Her mother holds Carmela's pole while she works the wiggling worm onto her fish hook.

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Ashley, 12, said she used minnows for bait. Her 5-year-old sister, Carmela, used worms and was catching bluegills early in the tournament.

She also baited her own hooks, although mother Millie held the hook so Carmela could push the wiggling worms onto it.

Carmela won second place for catching the largest fish – a catfish 15 3/4 inches long.

The Outdoor Recreation Center registered 30 entrants for the annual youth fishing tournament. Five of those were entered in the teenager category. Two showed up to fish but didn't stay, said one of the judges. Entrants paid \$5 each to fish.

Two downpours of rain in the middle of the day also chased

some of the entrants away before the end of the tournament, he said.

Kimberley Hobbard stuck it out through the weather and accepted the second place prize for her family's stringer of fish. Her brother, Mathew, tied for third place with Zachary Damien for catching the heaviest fish.

McSherley and Looney tied for second place for catching the largest fish by weight.

Third place prizes went to Ryleigh Patnoe for his stringer of fish, McSherley and Dylan Phillips for catching the largest fish.

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Xander Phillips (white shirt), brother Dylan Phillips (left rear) wait while judges Brian Crawford (center) and Jeff Zizz, measure Dylan's catfish at the Outdoor Recreation Center Youth Fishing Tournament at Moon Lake on post June 10.

Online comstore expands

By Bonnie Powell
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. – It's not the "final frontier" by a long shot, but the fledgling Virtual Commissary has been expanded to include new item selections including snack packs, special occasion baskets and much more.

This brings the total number of gift baskets available to 79 with even more on the way.

From gourmet popcorn and mouthwatering merlot cheddar cheese spread to just plain cookies and nuts, authorized commissary shoppers in the United States and military shoppers overseas can check it out through the link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

"We began Virtual Commissary with seven gift baskets," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "The customer reception was promising and now we're pleased to offer many more items, all at great prices."

Items offered on Virtual Commissary are well below average retail prices found at other online services.

To access the extended commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal found

under the shopping link at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Personal information entered by the customer is validated to ensure they are an authorized shopper. Access is dependent on whether the customer is entered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, known as DEERS.

Virtual Commissary customers can make selections and fill in their payment and shipping information in one easy and secure step, before being transferred to the manufacturer's site where

they can get total cost for the product (including shipping) and finalize their purchase.

Shipping and handling charges are paid by the customer, just as at most other Internet shopping sites, and charges will vary depending on the item size or weight, method of shipping, location, and speed of delivery.

Customers can check for availability of delivery to APO and FPO addresses as well as get more information on what's in the gift baskets by clicking on the image of the gift basket.

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Community news briefly

Youth services activities listed

June 16 – 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., field trip to Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, 3rd through 5th grades

June 19 – 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., trip to Chuck E. Cheese in Topeka, 1st and 2nd grades; 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., Arts & Crafts Center at Fort Riley, 3rd through 5th grades

June 20 – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., swimming on Fort Riley, 1st and 2nd grades; 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., skating at Riley Wheels, 3rd through 5th grades

June 21 – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., swimming on Fort Riley, 3rd through 5th grades; 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., skating at Riley Wheels, 1st and 2nd grades

June 22 – 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 to 3 p.m., School Age Services Fitness Authority, 1st through 5th grades

June 23 – 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., trip to Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kan., 1st and 2nd grades For more information, call 239-9220.

Teen Center lists activities

June 16 – 9 p.m. to midnight, Midnight Basketball (Staff vs. Youth)

June 17 – 9 p.m. to midnight, Midnight Basketball (Staff vs. Youth)

June 20 – 2 to 6 p.m., swim trip on Fort Riley

June 21 – 2 to 5 p.m., bowling at Custer Hill Lanes

June 22 – 6 to 8 p.m., volleyball (Staff vs. Youth)

June 23 – 7 to 9 p.m., newcomer's karaoke

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Support Center lists activities

The Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 on Normandy Drive, will host the following activities:

June 21 – 9 a.m. to noon, Financial Management Checkbook Maintenance Class; 1:30 p.m., Permanent Change of Station Briefing – Overseas

June 22 – Noon to 2 p.m., Exceptional Family Member Program June Pool Party at Custer Hill Pool

For more information on scheduled activities or to register for classes, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

Crafts center lists activities

June 18 – 1-2:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

June 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety orientation

June 20 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ceramics mold pouring

June 21 – Noon to 1 p.m., Make it, Take it

Classes are available in the evenings and on weekends in all program areas. A schedule of upcoming classes is available at the center and in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide.

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, June 16, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

June 16 – Stick It (PG) 105 Min
June 17 – United 93 (R) 111 Min
June 18 – Hoot (PG) 90 Min
June 22 – Stick It (PG) 105 Min
June 23 – RV (PG) 98 Min
June 24 – Posedon (PG13) 98 Min
June 25 – Goal! The Dream Begins (PG13) 117 Min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: Juneteenth celebration. Parade, children's workshop performance, Cobras Marching Band, Negro League Baseball display, 3-on-3 basketball, food vendors, crafts, DJ music.

When: June 16, parade 11 a.m., afternoon activities and gospel fest 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Parade will start at Town Center Mall and end at Douglass Park

Phone: (785) 776-5917

Junction City:

What: Gen-X Hip-Hop Explosion. Performances by the FLY Youth Dance Group, recording artists Lady Day and Anz.

When: 6:30 p.m. June 17
Where: Municipal Building, 700 N. Jefferson St.
Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children
Phone: (202) 841-0621

What: Junction City Little Theatre youth program productions of "Dear Edwina" and "Oliver"

When: "Dear Edwina" is 7 p.m. June 30 and 2 p.m. July 1 and 2. "Oliver" is 8 p.m. July 7 and 8 and 2 p.m. on July 9

Where: Junction City Little Theatre on 18th Street, near Buffalo Soldier Memorial
Admission: \$4 per seat.

What: Painting the Town. Art exhibit featuring Afro-Centric lithographs by Parsons, Kan., native Aaron "Skip" Smith. Fractured Communities. A three-dimensional depiction of a Zambian village by Lawrence, Kan., artist Melinda Stewart.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through June 24

Where: Junction City Arts Gallery, 107 W. Seventh St.
Admission: Free
Phone: 762-2581

Kansas City:

What: The Rhythm & Ribs Jazz Festival. This festival blends two of Kansas City's richest traditions, jazz and barbecue, creating an exciting recipe for family fun in the 18th & Vine Jazz District.

When: 4 to 11 p.m. June 16, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 17 and noon to 6 p.m. June 18

Where: Parade Park and the Jay McShann Pavilion at the American Jazz Museum in the Historic 18th & Vine District, Kansas City, Mo.

Admission: Advance tickets through Ticketmaster and the American Jazz Museum box office (816) 474-6262, are \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12 years old and children 5 and under are free.

Web site: www.kcrhythm-and-ribs.com



Post file photo

Country music fans wait for the next performer to take the stage at the annual Country Stampede. This year's four-day concert gathering will be June 22-25 at Tuttle Creek State Park near Manhattan, Kan., and will feature Toby Keith and other top recording stars.

Stampede beckons music fans to state park for 11th concert

By Heidi Paulson
 KSU intern

Country music stampedes through the air at Tuttle Creek State Park near Manhattan, Kan., June 22-25, bringing top recording artists to the stage each day. Performances this year feature Gretchen Wilson, Joe Nichols, Toby Keith, Sara Evans, Brad Paisley, Miranda Lambert, Chris Cagle and Terri Clark.

Wayne Rouse, president and general manager of Country Stampede, said people don't necessarily have to be a country music fan to enjoy the festival.

"Visitors can watch and listen to live performances on three stages by some of the top names in country music, fill their bellies with a variety of foods and shop more than 100 vendors' booths and participate in other activities that provide fun for all ages," he said.

Country Stampede takes place at Tuttle Creek State Park, about 22 miles from Fort Riley and five miles north of Manhattan on U.S. Highway 24.

Rouse called it a big four-day party. "If you can imagine coming to a party where 150,000 of your closest friends camp and enjoy country music – that's Country Stampede," he said.

Fisher's ATV Showdown will feature safety demo rides and

If you go:

Family members of deployed Soldiers can obtain free VIP tickets for June 22. Performers that night include Gretchen Wilson, Jason Boland and the Stragglers and Keith Anderson.

For more information, call 239-2022 by noon June 20.

Parking opens 8 a.m. each day of the festival, and the gates open at 11 a.m.

Lounge chairs and blankets are not allowed in the main seating area but are required for general admission lawn seating.

No video recorders are allowed.

No pets are allowed in the campgrounds or festival area except for personal assistance dogs.

No food or beverages are allowed in or out of the gates.

Charging for any kind of beverage at private parties is illegal.

Keys and glass containers are not allowed in any camping area.

No weapons allowed.

Riding in the back of pickup trucks is prohibited.

All minors must be accompanied by at least one parent or legal guardian.

No checks are accepted at the festival, but an ATM is provided on-site by Kansas State Bank.

24-hour security is provided by the pooled efforts of the Pottawatomie County Sheriff Department, Riley County Law Enforcement, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Highway Patrol, Alcohol Beverage Control, Fort Riley's Military Police, Campground Security and Festival Grounds Security.

head-to-head competitions beginning at 6 p.m. June 22. It offers fans a chance to compete against expert riders and features two giveaways: a new Suzuki ATV June 24 and a new Suzuki LT50 to children age 6-8 June 25.

Butch Patrick, Eddie Munster on the 1964-1966 television show "The Munsters," said he will be at the park throughout Country Stampede. He will accompany the Munstermobiles, visit with fans and advertise for the reopening of Monster World Campground's Log Jam micro-brewery in July.

"People enjoy meeting Eddie Munster and seeing the Monster World Campground's Munstermobiles," Patrick said. "T-shirts, pins, photos and other collectibles will be available."

Rouse said the Outdoor Channel will also be at the Stampede, hosting two-minute auditions for anyone who'd like to host their own fishing show on the network.

He said new this year is Sunday Fun Day on June 26. It's a promotion offered by an auto dealer in Holton, Rouse said.

Fort Riley's Information, Tick-

eting and Registration Office received 2,000 free Sunday Fun Day tickets for military servicemen and their families, Rouse said. "They can either come free for the whole day on Sunday, or upgrade if they'd like to come to the entire four-day event," he said.

Teresa Mayes, manager of Information, Ticketing and Registration on Fort Riley, said Sunday's complimentary tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"There is an \$8 service fee that

goes back to the Soldiers through MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation)," she said.

As for the \$55 upgrade to a four-day ticket, Rouse said, "It's a heck of a deal, and the least expensive we've ever had them."

Single-day tickets cost \$60 before June 21 and \$65 at the gate.

Four-day tickets cost \$100 before June 21 and \$110 at the gate. Reserved tickets will cost \$225. VIP tickets cost \$475 before June 21 and \$500 at the gate.

After June 16, general and family campsites will cost \$170 and will be available for sale on-site only. Four-day tickets are required to enter campsites.

Two different campgrounds are available: the Branding Iron Family Campground, and the Horseshoe Bend Campground.

Rouse said the family campground is for the fans who'd like to go back to their tents and sleep after being at the festival all day. It has a midnight noise curfew.

The last day to buy a four-day general car parking pass through Country Stampede for \$30 is June 16.

ITR will continue to sell four-day general car parking passes on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking areas open June 22 at 8 a.m., and vehicles without passes require a \$10 entry fee each time they enter the gates.

Wah-Shun-Gah festival stretches 3 days

Staff report

Council Grove, Kan., will be the site of the Wah-Shun-Gah Days Festival 2006 June 16-17.

Activities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 16, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 17 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 19.

The festival includes a flea market, carnival, concerts, street dance, arts and crafts fair, family and children fun activities, native American arts, crafts and jewelry, car show, parade, puppet show, skateboard demonstration and

food of all types.

June 16 events include the flea market at the Fairgrounds Park on North Union Street, performance by On Borrowed Time from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Kaw Mission contra dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. and a street dance with Clearview playing rock and roll music from the '50s, '60s and '70s from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The carnival opens at 7 p.m. and closes at 11 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person.

June 17 events add an arts and crafts fair at the high school gym,

a rock climbing wall sponsored by the Army National Guard on Main Street, pony rides on the Riverwalk, the Atahualpa Ecuadorian band at the Hays House Restaurant all day, a car show from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the courthouse parking lot and the parade at 10 a.m. led by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard from Fort Riley.

That afternoon, the Wamego Concert Band will perform at noon in the high school auditorium.

Eddi and Robert Hiebert will

play dulcimer music on the south lawn of the Kaw Mission from 1 to 4 p.m. and Ralph and Sharon Mock will play their dulcimers and Irish and gourd drums at 223 W. Main at 1 p.m.

Mr. Hypnosis, Mike Reeves, will perform in the Main Street tent at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Clement McCrae Puppet Show takes the stage in the high school auditorium at 4 p.m.

The Kaw Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow takes place from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Kaw Mission.

A street dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to midnight with

country music provided by Oasis. Activities June 18 include the Wah-Shun-Gah walk from Allegawah Heritage Memorial Park to the Kaw Mission beginning at 8 a.m. Shuttle service will be provided.

The afternoon includes a pizza eating contests, basketball free throw contest, the Kaw Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow, children's games and a tug of war between employees of various businesses.

Admission is by festival button. For more information, call (800) 732-9211 or (620) 767-5413.

